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Application of:

NAGARAJA, et al

Serial No. : 10/647,057

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RECOMBINANT FUSOBACTERIUM  
NECROPHORUM LEUKOTOXIN VAC-  
CINE AND PREPARATION THEREOF

Docket No. 30296A-DIV1

Customer No. 23,589

Group Art Unit No.1645

Examiner: BASKAR, PADMAVATHI

Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

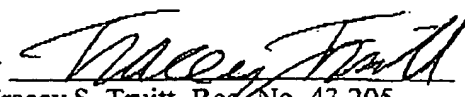
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants NAGARAJA, et al, through their attorneys, hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for a 3-month extension of time in which to file a response to office action of January 27, 2006. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17, authorization to charge the extension fee of \$510.00 to a credit card is enclosed herewith for the 3-month fee.

In the event that the foregoing request or fee calculation is incorrect, this Petition should be construed as one for sufficient time to permit timely filing of the present reply. Any additional fee which is due in connection with this Petition should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 50-2790.

Respectfully submitted,  
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